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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PBOR, PINS, IS, XF  
SUBJECT: JEWISH PRAYER IN HARAM ASH SHARIF (TEMPLE MOUNT)

1. SUMMARY: REPORTS THAT THE ASHKENAZI CHIEF RABBI HAS  
URGED JEWISH PRAYER ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT HAVE PROVOKED  
A CATEGORICALLY NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM THE SUPREME  
ISLAMIC COUNCIL. SUBSEQUENTLY, GOREN IS REPORTED TO  
HAVE DENIED INTENT TO PRESS THE ISSUE AT THIS TIME. END  
SUMMARY.

2. CITING AN IDF BROADCAST, THE LOCAL ARABIC PRESS  
HAS REPORTED THAT ASHKENAZI CHIEF RABBI SHLOMO GOREN  
HAS DRAWN UP GUIDELINES SPECIFYING WHERE JEWS SHOULD BE  
PERMITTED TO PRAY ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT, NOW THE SITE OF THE  
HARAM ASH SHARIF. (COMMENT: ULTRA-ORTHODOX  
JEWS OPPOSE ANY TRESPASS ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT IN PART BECAUSE  
OF UNCERTAINTY AS TO THE EXACT FORMER LOCATION OF THE HOLY  
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OF HOLIES.)

3. IN RESPONSE, SHEIKH HILMI MUHTASIB, HEAD OF THE  
SURREME ISLAMIC COUNCIL, HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT RE-  
ASSERTING THE MUSLIM CLAIM THAT ALL THE AREA INSIDE  
THE HARAM HAS BEEN PART OF AN ISLAMIC MOSQUE FOR 14  
CENTURIES AND IS SO VENERATED BY MUSLIMS ALL OVER THE

WORLD.

4. IN A SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW ON ISRAELI RADIO, GOREN DENIED EARLIER REPORTS AND STATED THAT HE HAD, IN FACT, TURNED DOWN AS UNTIMELY A PROPOSAL, MADE BY PM BEGIN SOON AFTER THE MAY ELECTIONS, TO DISCUSS JEWISH PRAYER ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT.

5. COMMENT: WE ANTICIPATE THAT GOREN'S CORRECTION WILL BE PICKED UP BY THE ARABIC PRESS AND THIS POTENTIAL BOMB WILL BE DEFUSED. IN THE PAST, THE SHOCK TROOPS FOR PUSHING JEWISH PRAYER ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT HAVE COME FROM BETAR, THE HERUT YOUTH GROUP. MR. BEGIN PRESUMABLY HAS THESE TYPES WELL UNDER CONTROL. THE GUSH EMUNIM HAS NEVER PRESSED THIS ISSUE.  
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